

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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MINING LEASE OF IRON ORE BLOCK
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards difficulties being faced by States in getting mines lease of Iron ore from other States;
- (b) if so, whether non-supply of iron ore would lead to unequal development of States;
- (c) if so, the action taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted supply of iron ore from States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to review the existing mining policy; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMMI REDDY)

(a)&(b). Yes, Sir.

(c)&(d). National Mineral Policy enunciated in 1993 inter alia seeks to promote necessary linkages for smooth and uninterrupted development of the mineral industry to meet the needs of the country..

(e) &(f). A High Level Committee(HLC) under the chairmanship of Shri Anwarul Hoda, Member, Planning Commission was constituted to review the National Mineral Policy and recommend possible amendments in the Mines and Minerals(Development& Regulation)Act, 1957 to give a fillip to private investment in the sector. The Committee has submitted its report to the Central Government which is under consideration.